REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of October 17th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On September 3, 2005, officers from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) responding to a call of a man down in NE, Washington, D.C. found a male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the head and the body. Medical examinations showed that the bullets originated from three different guns including a .40 Caliber pistol and two 9mm pistols. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead and victim of a homicide. MPD officers found several witnesses to the crime. Three males, including brothers, Ibrahim and Ahmed Faroog were identified as the suspects, and on October 7, 2005, a warrant was issued out of Washington, D.C. Superior Court charging Ibrahim Farooq and Ahmed Farooq with first degree murder while armed. On that same day, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Task Force officers pursued the Farooq brothers relentlessly for several weeks until they were pinpointed to an area in SE, Washington, D.C. On October 26, 2005, members of the CARFTF, in collaboration with U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, located Ibrahim Farooq at an address in SE, Washington, DC, where he was taken into custody without incident. The following day, Ahmed Farooq was coerced into turning himself in and was placed in custody by members of the CARFTF. They are both being held at the D.C. Jail pending further judicial proceedings.



Ahmed Farooq



Ibrahim Farooq
Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Edgar Sanchez, a member of the "Latin Kings" street gang, was wanted by the Nassau County Police Department as a person of interest in the murder of a 24-year-old female whose body was found battered at Sands Point, New York on October 15, 2005. Sanchez had been identified as the victim's boyfriend of two years and the father of her 4-month-old daughter. There was also a history of domestic violence during their relationship. Sanchez has prior arrests for assault and criminal possession of a controlled substance and a warrant was issued for felony aggravated unlicensed motor vehicle use, stemming from a DWI arrest. Sanchez was seen with the victim the night before her body was discovered and had not been seen since. The assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) was requested in locating Sanchez by the Nassau County Police Department's Homicide Squad. During the course of the investigation the NY/NJ RFTF obtained information indicating that the subject would be at a gas station convenience store in Geneva, Ohio. Acting on this information the NY/NJ RFTF immediately contacted the USMS Northern District of Ohio who responded to the location and arrested Sanchez on October 21, 2005 without incident. Sanchez was transported to the Geneva Police Department for processing and is awaiting extradition to New York for questioning in the murder and to face the above charges.

"Latin Kings" Gang Member



Wanted for Murder

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 28, 2005, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Louis Young and Nancy Adams in Gary, Indiana. Young and Adams had been fugitives for the past fifteen months on federal charges from Nevada, which included 10 counts of tax evasion, money laundering, and prostitution. A collateral lead was sent from the USMS-Nevada office after the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) signed over apprehension responsibilities to the USMS. Young and Adams had been using a variety of aliases and had lived in several different states in the past 1 ½ years. Working with officers from the IRS, information was developed that Young and Adams were living in Gary, Indiana. Members of the GLRFTF proceeded to the location in Gary with numerous members of the IRS. Young answered the door of the residence and was immediately identified and taken into custody. Adams was also present at the residence and taken into custody without incident. Although she originally denied her identity, she later admitted to GLRFTF officers that she was indeed Nancy Adams. If convicted, Young and Adams may face over 20 years in prison.



Nancy Adams



Louis Young

Wanted for Tax Evasion, Money Laundering, and Prostitution

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 18, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with the Atlanta Police Department, arrested Shane Young at an apartment in southwest Atlanta. On October 13, 2005, warrants were issued in Fulton County, Georgia by the Atlanta Police Department for the arrest of Young, charging him with armed robbery, aggravated assault, and kidnapping. On October 11, 2005, Young allegedly abducted a female victim, forced her into some nearby woods, assaulted her with a stick, and stole sixty dollars in cash from her. The Atlanta Police Department requested the assistance of the SERFTF in locating and arresting Young. On October 18, 2005, an anonymous tip was received stating that Young was in front an apartment on Martin Luther King Drive. When Task Force members arrived on the scene they spotted Young entering the vacant apartment. Several attempts were made to get the subject out of the location, but he refused to comply. At this point, SERFTF investigators forced entry into the apartment. After searching the location, Young was found hiding in the attic. In an attempt to escape and avoid being captured, Young fell through the ceiling and back into the apartment but was not injured. He was then subdued and placed under arrest. Young has nine prior arrests including four for narcotics related offenses, three for felony obstruction, and one for eluding officers.



Shane Young

Wanted for Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Kidnapping

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Miguel Angel Cervantes was arrested in Phoenix, Arizona by members of the USMS HIDTA Task Force and Deputy United States Marshals from the District of Arizona, based on information provided as a result of a joint investigation conducted by the Anaheim, California Police Department and the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF). Cervantes was wanted by the Anaheim PD for murder in connection with an October 27, 2005 incident in which he went to his estranged wife's apartment in Anaheim and was met by the wife's roommate. Cervantes demanded to talk to his wife and, when she entered the room, he immediately opened fire, striking her with three gunshots, one of which severed her brainstem. Cervantes then drove to a second location and opened fire on a man whom he believed that his wife was involved with, and his five year old son. The man feigned death by lying on top of his son during the course of the shooting. The Anaheim Police Department immediately requested assistance from the PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Cervantes. The joint investigation soon developed information that Cervantes had fled to the Phoenix area and the USMS HIDTA Task Force in Phoenix was contacted for assistance. Within 24 hours of the murder, task force members located and arrested Cervantes in Phoenix.



Miguel Cervantes

Wanted for Murder